

22 September 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

DD/R # 574-62

SUBJECT: Scientific Advisory Board

1. In answer to your request I am forwarding the attached list of names of individuals who might be considered for membership on the Scientific Advisory Committee. However, in forwarding this list, I should make it clear that I feel the proposed procedure is most undesirable and I would disapprove going ahead on this basis.

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2. [REDACTED] board, although having served primarily TSD, considers itself as the Director's board and an attempt to set up another board, reporting to the Director above them, would undoubtedly produce violent reactions and result in another black eye for the Agency in the scientific community. While it is admitted that the board has served primarily TSD and has not always been too effective, nevertheless its membership consists of highly respected scientists, and many of its weaknesses have been due to the failure of the Agency to use them properly.

3. Furthermore, from the point of view of the DD/R, the need for an advisory board at this time is not apparent since we have consultants and advisors in our limited areas of responsibility. In view of the present fractionation of the scientific activities of the Agency it is not clear how such an over-all board could operate; it is probably best for OSI to have its panels and consultants, TSD its board, and DD/H and the other Agency technical components their consultants.

cc: [REDACTED] Scoville, Jr.

Attachment:
a/s

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